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And when they say Arkansas is about to be saved and come over on the Lord's side, we imagine we hear those arch angels of rebellion and prejudice Vardman and Tillman say and "Thou too Brutus."

We are against mixed schools; against extending the restrictions; against everything that retards the progress of Indian Territory.—Times, Bert Greer's paper.

There he goes again. Who in the "hotel bill" said anything about mixed schools. The Negro is not raising any Cain about it, and it comes with a d—n poor grace from a fellow like Bert who has always pretended to be the Negro's friend. Why keep up this agitation unless the cuss wants to get up a row with the "whites and the blacks."

In reply to those who have continually asked what office do we want we say, that we are not a candidate for any office we are free to express our opinion without being handicapped, we are willing to stay down in the trenches with the other boys.

We have made the offer to those who desire to sail into immoral school teachers to fly in and up to date they have failed to come up and tell what they know. We extend the time to December, and if they then refuse to make good, then the Cimeter force will investigate and turn on the light.

The first week of the December issue of this paper will be given over to the colored ladies of the town and all the articles will come from them except the editorial column which will be presided over by W. H. Twine, Jr.

We have noticed one thing about some of the Muskogee professional Negroes, and especially one or two Negro lawyers, and that one thing is that whenever these would-be Negro leaders have any printing to do they run to the white newspapers. There can be no excuse for this, the colored people are publishing three weekly papers in this city, and if these would-be-leaders don't like this paper they can go to the others. In my opinion there is but one thing to do, and that is to search their records and nine times out of ten, you will find that these same would-be-leaders are hiding from justice. In other words they left the old country with a bad record.

Now, Mr. Negro, you can't be a white man, and the white man is not going to do anything for you when he finds out that you are trying to

get out of your race.

"Hint to the wise is sufficient." Step pretending and be a loyal race man, or your statesmanship is doomed for defeat in this country. The deck is being cleared and our guns will soon be ready for action. We will allow a chance to prepare for war or peace before we give your names to the public.—Pioneer.

You are all right old man, we have noticed the same thing and wondered what the cusses want and what they mean.

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Early Tragedy.

The Assyrian maiden was in tears! "What is the matter?" asked her girl friend.

"Herbert wrote me a seven-page love letter and threw it over the garden wall. It was written on the finest terra cotta he could find. Page number three struck father, who was asleep on a bench, and now he and Herbert are throwing my love letter back and forth with all their might, and unless a policeman comes pretty soon I don't believe I'll ever know a word of what was in it!"—Washington Star.

Oldest Active Fireman.

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|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Loans and Discounts | \$410,936.13 | Capital | \$200,000.00 |
| Overdrafts (Cotton) | 23,198.69 | Surplus and Profit | 16,978.26 |
| Bonds and Premiums | 106,080.49 | Circulation | 50,000.00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 5,046.26 | Deposits | 345,142.28 |
| Cash and Exchange | 68,125.35 | Reserved for Taxes | 1,266.38 |
| | \$613,886.92 | | \$613,887.92 |

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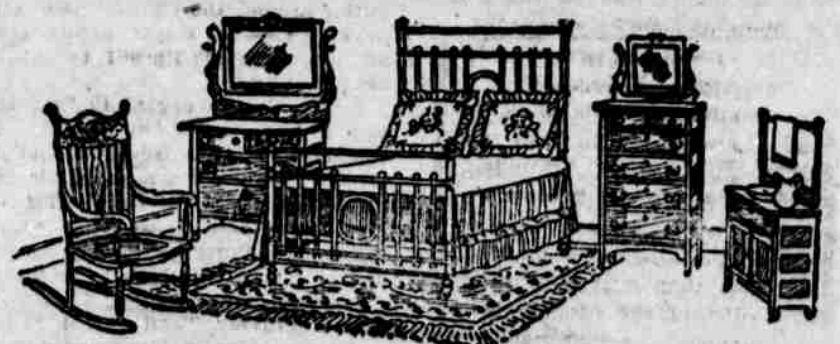
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